Srinagar Airport

194. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any proposal to upgrade Srinagar Airport into an internaional airport; and

(b) if so, the reasons for the delay in implementing?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Vayudoot services in Jammu and Kashmir

195. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state by when the Vayudoot services between Jammu and Poonch, Jammu and Rajauri, Srinagar and Tangdar, Srinagar and Gurez and Jammu and Kishtwar are likely to start operation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Subject to development of airports and availability of necessary infrastructure at Rajauri, Poonch and Kishtwar, Vayudoot has plans to airlink these stations as well as Jammu and Srinagar during the current financial year.

There are no plans to airlink Gurez and Tangdar.

Wagons allotted to agencies in Jammu & Kashmir

196. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Railway wagons containing and salt allotted to the various agencies in Jammu and Kashmir State during the last year;

(b) the names and addresses of such agencies/firms; and

(c) whether these wagon loads were actually received in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Promotion of Sports in States

197. SHRI F. M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount sanctioned and allotted to each State during the last two years to promote sports;

(b) what was the criteria for allotment of funds to each State; and

(c) whether any committee has been set up to look into the functioning of sports bodies and to watch the amount spent actually thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) No amounts are allotted State-wise from the Central budget for promotion of sports. Grants-in-aid are sanctioned under the scheme of grants to State Sports Councils etc. for development of sports and games on a consideration of the proposals received from the State Governments. A Statement showing the grants released to different States during the last two years under the scheme mentioned above is attached. (*See* below)

(c) While no committee has been set up to look into the functioning of the grantee institutions, State Governments concerned are expected to furnish utilisation certificates in respect of the Central grants sanctioned on their recommendation.